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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1865

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJECT: US/KUWAIT AGREEMENT ON SECURITY ADVISORY ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 040672

1. ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL, AMBASSADOR SENT FIRST-PERSON NOTE, DATED FEBRUARY 24, UNDER HIS SIGNATURE TO GOK MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON SUBJECT OF ESTABLISHMENT USLOK TO PROVIDE GOK WITH SECURITY ADVISORY ASSISTANCE. TEXT OF AMBASSADOR'S NOTE WAS TAKEN VERBATIM FROM REFTEL.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THIRD-PERSON NOTE, DATED APRIL 29, FROM GOK MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS ENCLOSING LETTER, DATED APRIL 15, ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM GOK MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S NOTE OF FEBRUARY 24. FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER CONFIRMS THE "UNDERSTANDING" CONTAINED IN THE AMBASSADOR'S NOTE AND STATES THAT "THE EXCHANGE OF THESE NOTES BETWEEN US CONSTITUTE AND AGREEMENT." EMBASSY PRESUMES THIS EXCHANGE DOES, IN FACT, CONSTITUTE A FORMAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

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3. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, THE EMBASSY PLANS TO SEND BY NEXT AVAILABLE POUCH A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE AMBASSADOR'S NOTE OF FEB 24 AND THE ORIGINAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER OF APRIL 15 AND FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE OF APRIL 29 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE (ATTENTION ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR FOR TREATY AFFAIRS) PER 11FAM 723.7.

4. THERE FOLLOWS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS PREPARED BY THE EMBASSY OF THE TWO DOUCMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE GOK (THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF ANY OFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS PREPARED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE):

FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NOTE OF APRIL 29

BEGIN QUOTE

STATE OF KUWAIT
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
NO. 570790 SECRET

DATE 29 APRIL 1975

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFARIS OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND HAS THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE THE RESPONSIVE MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD AL-JABER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN ANSWER TO THE MESSAGE WHICH WAS SENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. HENRY KISSINGER, ON 24 FEBRUARY 1975. THE MINISTRY REQUESTS THE EMBASSY TO ARRANGE ITS DELIVERY TO HIS EXCELLENCY. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SGD.

TO: EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
KUWAIT

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LETTER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER, DATED APRIL 15

BEGIN QUOTE

STATE OF KUWAIT
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
THE MINISTER

15 APRIL 1975

YOUR EXCELLENCY

IN ANSWER TO YOUR LETTER OF 24 FEBRUARY 1975 IN CONNECTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT OBTAINING DEFENSIVE MATERIAL AND DEFENSIVE SERVICES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONFIRM "THE UNDERSTANDING" REACHED AND MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER.

I ALSO HAVE TH HONOR TO ACCEPT THAT THE EXCHANGE OF THESE NOTES BETWEEN US CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED AS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTE.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

SGD.
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HIS EXCELLENCY
DR. HENRY KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE
UNITED STATE OF AMERICA

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